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CHIPS

John G. Jones arrived home Saturday from Pittsburg, Pa.

James McDonald, 6130 Ada street, spent his Christmas with friends in Bridgeport, Ind.

George Warner, the 18 year old son of Mrs. Carrie Warner, 5223 Dearborn street, was made a member of the Forsters last week.

Rev. L. R. Christy, East St. Louis, Ill., spent the first three days this week in visiting his relatives and friends in this city.

Doctor A. Beatrice Schultz, 2791 State street, returned home Wednesday morning from spending her Christmas in St. Louis.

Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Emanuel, 6350 Rhodes avenue, entertained several of their friends to an elaborate corded dinner Friday evening, Dec. 29th.

J. Q. Grant, on Christmas day, visited his old friend, Rev. A. T. Hall, Batavia, Ill., who was the founder of Quinn Chapel this city, and delighted his heart with presenting him with some tokens of friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mack Weaver entertained many of their friends at dinner and dancing Wednesday evening at their residence, 3144 Indiana avenue. Mr. Weaver's recent return from St. Louis occasioned the joyous event.

Mr. Henry Mitchell, Sr., who for years was employed as a clerk in the auditing department of the Pullman Co., resigned his position Dec. 23rd. About the 1st of the year Mr. Mitchell expects to be appointed to a clerkship in one of the downtown banks.

Judge Murray F. Tuley, whose long and honorable career as an eminent and upright jurist which endeared him in the hearts of his fellow men was buried from his late home, 5135 Washington avenue, Wednesday morning. Everything in connection with his funeral was plain and very simple.

Congressman Martin B. Madden spoke at Olivet Baptist church Sunday evening on "Good Citizenship" and in announcing that fact, one of the papers ran the cut of Gov. Chas. S. Deneen in its columns, and labeled him with the title and honor which belongs to the popular Congressman of the First District, and while he was delivering his address the paper which was supposed to contain his cut and another paper was peddled around among the audience presumably to raise a little money to enable them to buy a few Christmas presents.



OSCAR DE PRIEST.

The popular County Commissioner, Real Estate owner, Contractor and Decorator who is deserving of re-election to his present position.

The subject of this sketch, County Commissioner De Priest, was born in Florence, Ala., in 1871, and came to Chicago in 1889.

His parents being poor, Oscar as a boy was put upon his own resources. By perseverance he secured a common school education, and at the age of fifteen began the struggle which has resulted in numbering him among the foremost and highest respected colored citizens in the city of Chicago.

Apprenticing as a painter in his native heath he soon demonstrated his ability, and within the short space of one year was commanding the wages of a first class painter and decorator. Thus equipped he journeyed to Chicago "to grow up," as he often expressed it, "with the metropolis of the West."

Mr. Robert E. Burke, it is freely predicted, will be on top in the 21st Ward at the coming political upheaval.

Mr. Alex. Williams, who was injured in the U. P. wreck is in the city feeling much improved, stopping at the Keystone Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Allen will soon leave Chicago for their home in Portland, Ore., where they will be at home to their friends and well wishers after Feb. 1st, 1906.

Dr. A. W. Williams, 6508 Langley avenue, entertained several of his male friends Xmas morning. The Doctor's fine wines and liquors was greatly enjoyed by his many friends and neighbors.

The Appomattox Club under the presidency of Mr. Adolph Harris gave a "Cattillon" Tuesday eve at the club parlors. The affair was largely attended and was considered one of the swellest functions the club has ever given.



WALTER M. FARMER.

Eminent Attorney, Author and National Grand Secretary of the United Brothers of Friendship.

Attorney Walter M. Farmer came into this breathing and throbbing old world in the town of Brunswick, Mo. As he arrived at the age of maturity, he entered the Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., and graduated therefrom in 1884. Then he began the study of law and entered the Law Department of Washington University, at St. Louis, in 1889, and he has the distinction of being the first Afro-American to graduate from that aristocratic institution.

Immediately thereafter, Mr. Farmer began the practice of law in St. Louis, and for the past sixteen years extraordinary success has crowned his efforts in the legal field. He has enjoyed a diversified practice covering all branches of law excepting "Admiralty" in all the courts in the State of Missouri, U. S. District and Circuit courts and the U. S. Supreme Court.

One among his notable cases being a will contest in which a white lady left a colored woman \$13,000. The rel-

zation. His energetic efforts in behalf of the Third ward organization without price or place soon attracted the attention of Congressman Martin B. Madden. The opportunity to reward Mr. De Priest for his splendid services in behalf of the Republican party and the Third ward organization came to Congressman Madden at the county convention in the spring of 1904, when he was nominated for the position of County Commissioner. In connection with his nomination there is a bit of unpublished history which demonstrated two things, namely, the strong friendship in which Congressman Madden held Mr. De Priest personally, and the determination to award recognition to the Negro portion of the ward. When the question of representation of the Third ward on the ticket came up for discussion in the caucus, so the story goes, Mr. Madden was allotted a judgeship. He insisted that in addition to that the ward was entitled to a Commissioner, but his protest fell upon deaf ears. Finally, seeing that his wishes in this latter regard would not be complied with, he unhesitatingly "turned down" the judgeship so that the colored citizens of the ward would be recognized by the nomination of a County Commissioner.

Since his induction into office Commissioner De Priest has been in the forefront on all matters affecting the county's material interest. He is chairman of the very important committee of education and industrial schools, and a member of the committees on out-door relief, coroner and morgue, and the new court house committee, the latter having charge of the construction of the new court house, involving an expenditure of \$5,000,000. In the various county offices Commissioner De Priest secured representation for the colored citizens by appointing men to positions without reference to the wards from which they came, both to permanent and temporary places.

In 1898 Commissioner De Priest married Miss Jessica Williams, of Rockford, Ill., who, together with his six-year-old son Lawrence, constitutes his very interesting family.

The Commissioner resides at 3832 Dearborn street, and as he is a property holder and taxpayer in Cook county, and as he is held in the highest esteem by all classes of his fellow citizens, and a vote getter from away back, the leaders of the Republican party will make no mistake in re-nominating him for County Commissioner.



MAJOR JOHN C. BUCKNER.

An honored ex-member of the Legislature of Ill.; the creator of the 9th Battalion, which was successfully merged into the Eight Regiment Illinois National Guards; and he stands forth at all times as an unbending champion of the civil and the Political rights of the Afro-American.

Major John C. Buckner was elected to the Legislature in 1894 in the 39th General Assembly, and again in 1896 in the 40th General Assembly.

As an honored and hard working member of that body, he was the author of the following bills which passed both the House and the Senate. A bill to reorganize the Illinois Militia, so as to provide for the admission of the 9th Battalion of colored men; a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the Lovejoy monument at Alton; a bill opening up 35th street and changing the boulevard from 35th to 33rd streets, connecting with South Park avenue and Grand Boulevard; the bill providing for the parade grounds and park on the Lake Front now known as Grant Park; the bill revising the Civil Rights Laws of the state of Illinois.

He also took an active part in the Spring Valley riot of 1895, and prosecuted the perpetrators of this infamous crime. Nineteen of the ring leaders were sent to the penitentiary, seven to the reformatory at Pontiac, and 66 were confined in the county jail of Bureau County, with fines of \$1,000 and six months' imprisonment. He also introduced a bill to suppress lynching and mob violence which passed the House but failed to pass in the Senate. The bill making Abraham Lincoln's Birthday a legal holiday in this state, is also a part of his work. He is the only colored man appointed as Chairman of an important standing committee in the House. He was Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Major has for years honorably served as Deputy Internal Revenue Collector at this point. He is prominent in the civil and the political affairs in this city, county, throughout the state of Illinois, and being liberal minded, and very gentlemanly in his conduct, and an ideal patriotic citizen, he is held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens.



DR. W. A. RICHARDSON.

The prominent and leading dentist among the race in the west, who has met with unbounded success in his profession.

Doctor W. A. Richardson, formerly of Detroit, Mich., is a thoroughly equipped dentist. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has resided in this city for almost three years. He has been exceedingly successful since landing here. His office, 3160 State street, corner 32nd street, office Phone Douglas 1100, residence Phone Douglas 250, is fitted up with all the appliances, used in advanced or modern dentistry and as an expert dentist Dr.

Richardson cannot be surpassed. He possesses a jovial disposition which greatly aids him to number his friends by the legions. Shortly after locating in Chicago, Dr. Richardson became united in marriage to Miss Rosa Hill, who was a daughter of Mr. Isiah Hill, an old settler of Chicago, and that fact has materially added to his popularity and prosperity in the dental world.



DOCTOR M. J. BROWN.

Secretary of The Peoples' Pharmacies 29th and Armour Ave. and 27th and Dearborn streets; Assistant Secretary of the Jenner Medical College and one of the best and brightest Afro-American business men in Chicago.